



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## BREVARD BEACON

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### Next Meeting

15 Nov 2025

At The At-Ease Club

1936 Freedom Dr.

Melbourne, FL 32940

Social at 11:00

Program starts at 11:30

Lunch Starts 12:00

Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/side

OR

Bowl of Soup and House Salad

&

Cookies

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**No message  
this month**



# Brevard

## chapter

Our 2025 Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Note: Menu items subject to change

**NOV** 15, 2025 - At Ease Club: Price \$25;

Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/side

OR

Bowl of Soap & House Salad

**Dec** 13, 2025 - At Ease Club: Price \$25;

California Turkey Wrap w/side

OR

Egg Salad Sandwich with Fruit

Remember to mark your calendar for this year's meeting schedule. Must RSVP as names go on gate guard list.

**SOCIAL 11:00 AM** - Meetings are at The At-Ease Club. Socials start at 11:00, Meetings begin 11:30 sharp unless otherwise noted.

*Pay at the door or by check (Brevard SAR) to*

*Mark Russell  
275 Woodridge Drive  
Geneva, FL 32732  
mark.russell@earthlink.net*

*Or pay at meeting with cash or check*

*Coming in the Next Issue*

More History, Updates on chapter's activities, pictures, and events.

Updated schedule of meetings

*National and State Events*

## National Events

27 Feb 2026 - 250th Anniversary of  
the Battle of Moore Creek

5 Mar 2026 - Spring Leadership at the  
Galt Hotel in Louisville, KY

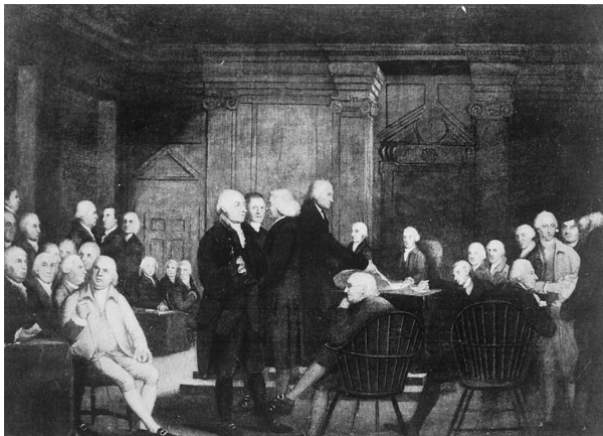
## State Events

21 March 2026 - Last Naval Battle—  
VMC

28 March 2026 - Battle of Thomas  
Creek—Jacksonville FL

## New Members 2025

| Member              | Patriot        |
|---------------------|----------------|
| William Finigan Jr. | John Pierce GA |
|                     |                |



If you have anyone who is interested and you wish to help them or are working on their application, report their name and information to the Registrar so that we can assist when needed and to ensure that the application is completed correctly. National Genealogists report that there are sloppy applications being submitted by persons not familiar with the SAR application process and requirements.

### Member Stats

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Regular              | 83  |
| Junior               | 10  |
| Life                 | 7   |
| E-1                  | 1   |
| E2                   | 1   |
| Active Duty/Military | 1   |
| Dual                 | 3   |
| Total                | 106 |

## Brevard chapter

At the October Florida Board of Managers meeting we found out that our chapter has been recognized nationally as a Partner in Patriotism. In addition, thanks to the tireless work of our compatriots, the chapter was awarded the USS Stark Memorial award w/ streamer at the last national Congress. Great job members!

## Dues Notice!!!!

**ALL DUES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO  
BREVARD CHAPTER SECRETARY (Jeff  
Sizemore) BY November 25, 2025**

When submitting your dues, please include your name, address, phone number, and email address. If you also paying for more than one family members, please provide the information for them also.

Payment can also be made on-line



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# BECOME A GUARDS- MEN

We are looking for volunteers to join Commodore John Barry Camp #3 of the Florida Sons of Liberty Brigade.

It is preferred to have the same type of uniform or clothing in which your Patriot ancestor would have worn during the Revolution.

Continental Army, Navy, or Marine Uniform, is the traditional dress in a unit, however Militia personnel wore everyday clothes of the era.

Militia clothing consists of:

- Hat round or tricorn
- Shirt (White)
- Britches and Footwear

### Uniform Reimbursement Fund:

Please remember that the chapter will reimburse any member obtaining a Color Guard uniform/costume. It does NOT have to be a Military Uniform. The rate of reimbursement is:

- \$100.00 for a complete set — Hat to shoes.
- \$50.00 for 1/2 of the above set.

Contact the Color Guard Commander for information.

Thank you, Color Guard Members for your participation in past events. You helped us to Honor our Country, Military, Citizens, Patriots and Forefathers. I would like to extend a welcome to those of you who are new members. As you consider how you wish to participate in SAR, please consider joining the Color Guard. The events can be enjoyable and can be another outlet to meet with other Patriotic Americans. The Necessities for Color Guard uniform is a Colonial outfit and a Tricorn Hat. The outfit can be purchased or it can be made or modified from existing wear. There is also a refund for a part of the purchase price that can be issued. However you choose to participate, I hope you will enjoy your participation as well as the Fellowship of our members.

*Chapter Color Guard 2025*

*Calendar of Local Events*

No events identified at time of publishing



## Award Spotlight

### 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Recognition Program

The recognition program is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution.

A compatriot may earn this award at the bronze, silver, or gold-level. Awards are based on activity and points are awarded for each activity.



## **A Holiday to Remember in Italy—By Doug Bisset - from the Oct 2025 issue of the Council Courier Newsletter**

My wife, Sandy, and I paid our respects to the fallen WWII military at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial in Florence, Italy on August 26th, and in honor of the 250th Anniversary of the USA. It is one of two cemeteries for those who fought in the Campaign in Italy. There are 4,322 headstones and “tablets of the missing” with 1,409 names (interestingly mostly from lost aircraft bomber groups). There are 6 sets of brothers and 2 medal of honor recipients. The property of 70 acres was given to the US by the Italian Government in perpetuity, tax free. As is true of all American memorial cemeteries I have been to, it is extremely tasteful and well cared for. Note, I am wearing my VMC shirt. “Time will not dim the glory of their deeds.”



# Recent Chapter awards





# September Meeting



**Doug Burnett is presented the Silver 250th Anniversary Medal**



**Sharon Eller is given a thank you gift by Michelle Abbey of the Space Coast Regents Council for providing the Constitution Speech at our joint SAR/DAR meeting**



# October Meeting



**Joel Etherton receives 10 year award**



**Joel Etherton receives supplemental ancestor certificate**



## October Meeting (Cont)



**Jeff Sizemore receives the Silver Roger Sherman Medal**



**Jeff Sizemore receives a Certificate of Appreciation**



**Col. Jeff Rogers talks about the 250 year history of the U.S. Army**



On 24 October 35 cadets from the Cocoa HS Tiger Bn visited the BVMC Museum, Plaza and library. Most of the cadets were freshmen and sophomores as they learned a lot and asked some good questions. Their field trip finished with pizza on the waterside and a gift photo. Cocoa HS became the first high school in Brevard County and likely Florida, to fly the official America 250 Flag. The Color Guard also received the flag in a project designed to focus our youth and all who see the flag about the importance of this year to our country. The flags are being provided by the Brevard Sons of the American Revolution and MOAACC's Good Deeds Foundation to all JROTC programs, other Brevard High Schools, FIT ROTC. One is even flying at the BVMC from now until next July 4th. BVMC, SAR and MOAACC Mission Statements all including supporting and teaching our youth. That day was a good one for that purpose. (Photo: Courtesy of BVMC with Cocoa JROTC Instructor SFC Freddy Moreno Far right). - article courtesy of Donn Weaver





## Veterans Upcoming Events

**7 Nov—Annual Veterans Day - Cocoa Beach JROTC in the Theater of the Jr/ Sr Hugh School 0945- 1030 am**

**8 Nov - Annual St Francis Reflections  
5K Fundraiser at VMC Plaza and Park.  
0800 - 1200**

**11 Nov - VMC (and many other) Veterans Day Ceremony. 0930 - 1030 VMC Plaza/Park**

**6 Dec—Gold Star Family Indoor Christmas/Holiday Tree set up 1400-1600 at Brevard VMC Museum**

## 13 Dec - National Wreaths Across America Day at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

**For additional details and other events and updates see:**

**[https://veteransmemorialcenter.org/  
upcoming-veterans-events/](https://veteransmemorialcenter.org/upcoming-veterans-events/)**



# Brevard Veterans Memorial Center

**400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island**



# Brevard

## chapter

### *2025-2026 Officers*

**President - Christopher Ratzel**

**1st VP - Nic Mahora**

**2nd VP - Hans Hunt**

**Secretary - Jeff Sizemore**

**Recording Secretary - Charles Pierce**

**Treasurer - Mark Russell**

**Member-at-large: Doug Bisset**

**Member-at-large: Donn Weaver**

### *Committee Chairs:*

**Registrar - Brian Jensen**

**CG Commander - Nic Mihora**

**Genealogist - Ray Norman**

**Membership - Jeff Sizemore**

**Webmaster - Robbie Carlisle**

**Parliamentarian - Dale Bottom**

**Editor/Publisher - Carl Oehmann**

**ROTC / Youth - Jerry Scarpate**

**Veteran's Affair - Doug Bisset, Donn Weaver**

**Flag Committee - Nic Mihora**

**If you would like to volunteer for a Committee position contact**

**President Christopher Ratzel**



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